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1. The SMV Purchasing Office turnover for March 1953 amounted to 13,270,719.45 schillings. Because of a lack of funds, the employees of the Purchasing Office had only enough work for one hour per day during the last part of March.

2. The Purchasing Office was unable to deliver even 50 percent of the quarterly orders from the various SMV units. The firms of Engr.

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threatened to file suit against the SMV if payments were not made before 1 April 1953. The SMV General Directorate borrowed 290,000 schillings at 10 percent interest from Administration of the USA Sales Stores (Zentrale der USA Einkaufsgesellschaft) in order to meet the demands of the three firms.

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4. Approximately half of the employees at the SMV Motor Pools (Autobasis) have no work. One-third of all vehicles are in the repair shop but the vehicles cannot be repaired due to a lack of parts.

5. Work at the following SMV units has slowed down due to a decrease in deliveries: Seismographic Section; G. Rumpel A.G.; SEB Bockfliess; SEB Neusiedl and SEB Muehlberg; Bohrbetrieb I and II; Klein-Neusiedl section of Bohrbetrieb II.

6. The supply of pipe at the Neusiedl Central Warehouse decreases day by day without replacement. The supply of 13 3/4 inch, 14 3/8 inch, 16 inch, 18 inch and 21 inch pipe is adequate, but this pipe is not in demand. The current demand is for 5 inch, 6 inch, 6 5/8 inch and 8 inch pipe. Two-inch and 5 1/2 inch drilling tubes are needed as well as two to 5 1/2 inch tubings. The demand for angle iron and other construction material cannot be met. In addition, there are no replacements for instruments or motors.

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7. The SNV Purchasing Office received an order from the SNV General Directorate to set up a sales office by 1 April 1953 which would be responsible for the selling of all types of merchandise not currently needed. The office is to sell not only the goods at the Neusiedl Central Warehouse but goods on hand at other SNV units. Interpreter Danicek⁴ (fnu) was appointed by the Purchasing Office director as chief of the new sales office. Franz Kuril and Karl Czeloth were assigned to the office as salesmen.



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